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Census Day: Have You Responded to the 2020 Census?

Kankakee, IL – April 1, 2020 is Census Day, a reminder to complete the Census which will shape the future of many generations to come. The Census is mandated by the Constitution and counts the population in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories. The first national count took place in 1790.

Each year, the federal government distributes more than \$675 billion to states and communities based on Census data.

Why is the 2020 Census important?

- The census provides vital information for you and your community.
- It determines how many representatives each state gets in Congress.
- Communities rely on census data to plan for a variety of needs including new roads, schools, healthcare and emergency services.

“Now is an even more critical time to determine what matters to us. We need everyone to do their part and respond to the 2020 Census because this data will shape our community,” said Mayor Wells-Armstrong.

Currently, the City of Kankakee’s self-response rate to the 2020 Census is 34.3%. By mid-April, the United State Census Bureau will mail an additional paper questionnaire as a reminder to every household who hasn’t responded. A final reminder will be mailed out towards the end of April before a Census taker follows up. You can respond to the 2020 Census by mail, phone or online at www.2020Census.gov.

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The City of Kankakee is dedicated to protecting, building and nurturing the community while enhancing lives. We are a historic, vibrant, and active riverfront community. We continue to transform into an extraordinary place to dream, grow, and thrive. Embracing our diversity, we strive to be progressive, inclusive, and innovative. For more

information on the City of Kankakee, please visit the website at www.citykankakee-il.gov.